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SE/EX 6 Nov. 52 0K 969

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1. SE/EX SE/1				S	<p>DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007</p> <p>BY HAND ONLY</p>
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Dispatch No. 5

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To : Chief, SE
Attn: 5
FROM : Senior Representative, 5

Date 23 October 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND
SPECIFIC- Detailed report on Scrapping of Obsession Mission

REFERENCE: 5 5

1. As reported in reference, the Obsession Team mission has been cancelled. Numerous factor's led to take the above action. Submitted herein is a detailed report of the existing circumstances which prompted our cancellation. A report received from one of VALUABLE's 1951 team members revealed that sometime in July of 1952 a TPROACH sponsored team arrived in Identity (1) and burned the home of a Communist informer. When questioned by 5, subject was unable to give any definite statement as to the identity of the informer. Subject stated that his information had been gained from conversations with TPROACH sponsored team members. Subject was able to offer the names of 2 recent exfiltrees whom he believed could furnish additional information about this particular activity. The two persons mentioned above were questioned on general TPROACH team activities and specifically on activities in the Identity (2) areas. Their stories were identical in that their information had been gained by talking to the KMWAAHOOS who had been mounted on the mission by the TPROACHES. Interrogation of the two men revealed the TPROACH team was successful in burning the home of the informer some time in July of this year. A TPROACH team member had stated to one of the above exfiltrees that no one was observed to have escaped from the fire. (It must be mentioned here that no one has any definite proof that the informer was in the house at the time of the burning).

2. As we have infiltrated Fig and Willow Teams this month in the same general area that Obsession would have to pass through, it was felt that one small area would become saturated and thus increase the chances of detection of one of our teams. Various circumstances had hampered our mounting Obsession earlier in the season:

- a. Lack of guides
- b. Last minute request from Headquarters on manner of presenting operation
- c. The aborted attempt earlier this month
- d. Lack of training facilities

e. Fig and Willow

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e. Fig and Willow having priority in our Athens training site.

3. Plans for Obsession called for them to infiltrate overland, to accomplish their mission and return to base. The total time covered by the operation would run about 25 days. Due to recent reports that bad weather has already set in, it was felt that Obsession could not possibly return except under extremely difficult conditions.

4. All of the above mentioned circumstances led () to review the Obsession operation and in light of these facts it was felt that Obsession should be dropped.

5. The Obsession team was fully briefed on security and properly handled for turning them over to QKDIMPLE. Obsession showed some disappointment at being told that their mission was scrapped due to weather. They, however, accepted this as weather had been one of the foremost considerations in their minds as of recent days. Obsession was further told that they would once again be called by the HTNEIGH representative when weather conditions would permit the mounting of operations.

6. () would like to express to Headquarters its sincere thanks for the quick manner of handling our request for the addition of another man to Obsession. Because of your excellent support it made our decision to drop Obsession even more difficult.

Attachment (s.c.)
Identities

Distribution:

Wash: 3
Chrono: 1
Subject: 1
BGFIEND: 2
XO: 1

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Attachment 1 to
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Identity (1) - Raitse (Pogradec)

Identity (2) - Korca - Pogradec

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